

The FCC has a serious responsibility to maintain freedom of the airways for all Americans. I am deeply concerned that undue attention and time is spent on an issue such as Janet Jackson's breast (waste of everyone's energy).

I and many, many other Americans care much more that we be "protected" from overarching corporate influence over what is broadcast over the PUBLIC AIRWAVES.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license

renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.